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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Metcalf

Serial No.: 09/381,508

Confirmation No.: 4047

Filed: September 21, 1999

For: EXPANDABLE SLOTTED
TUBING STRING AND
METHOD FOR CONNECTING
SUCH A TUBING STRING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Final Office Action dated February 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 26, 2002, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0076/WBP for any fees necessary to make the submission of this response timely.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follow:

1. An expandable tubing assembly comprising:
a tubular connector defining overlapping longitudinal slots and comprising an intermediate portion located between slotted end portions, the connector being radially

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